GETTING TO KNOW YOUR
2013 SONIC

Review this Quick Reference Guide for an overview of some important features in your Chevrolet Sonic. More detailed information can be found in your Owner Manual. Some optional equipment described in this guide may not be included in your vehicle. For easy reference, keep this guide with your Owner Manual in your glove box.

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INSTRUMENT PANEL CONTROLS

Symbols

- Low Fuel
- Door Ajar
- Traction Control Off
- Engine Coolant Temperature
- BRAKE Brake System
- Cruise Control Set
- StabiliTrak Active
- StabiliTrak Off
- Security
- Speed Sensitive Power Steering
- Reduced Engine Power
- CODE Code Set
- Passenger Safety Belt Reminder
- Check Engine
- Oil Pressure
- Charging System
- Safety Belt Reminder
- Airbag Readiness
- ABS Antilock Brake System

**To reset the trip odometer that is currently displayed, press and hold the reset stem on the tachometer.*

Note: *Refer to your Owner Manual to learn about the information being relayed by the lights, gauges and indicators on the instrument cluster, as well as what to do to ensure safety and prevent damage to your vehicle.*

See In Brief in your Owner Manual.

✦ Optional equipment

REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY TRANSMITTER

Unlock
Press to unlock the driver's door. Press again to unlock all doors and liftgate (if equipped).

Lock
Press to lock all doors and liftgate (if equipped). The driver's door will not lock if open.

Note: *The remote lock and unlock settings can be changed in the Vehicle Settings menu by using the audio system controls.*

Trunk
(Sedan model only)
Press and hold to unlock the trunk.

Vehicle Locator/Panic Alarm
Press and release to locate your vehicle. The turn signal lamps will flash and the horn will sound.

Press and hold to activate the alarm. The turn signal lamps will flash and the horn will sound until the button is pressed again or the ignition is turned on.

Remote Vehicle Start✦
Press and release the **Lock** button and then press and hold the button to start the engine from outside the vehicle. After entering the vehicle, turn the ignition to the On position before driving.

- The engine will run for 10 minutes. Repeat these steps for a 10-minute time extension.
- Only two remote starts are allowed between ignition cycles.
- Press and hold the button to cancel a remote start.

See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

DOOR LOCKS AND REAR DOOR CHILD SAFETY LOCKS

- Press the power door **Unlock**/**Lock** buttons located on the center of the instrument panel to lock or unlock all doors and liftgate (if equipped).
- Press the driver's door lock knob to lock all doors and liftgate (if equipped).
- To prevent a rear door from opening from the inside, press the **Rear Door Safety Lock** button located on the center console in front of the cupholders. The button indicator will illuminate when activated.

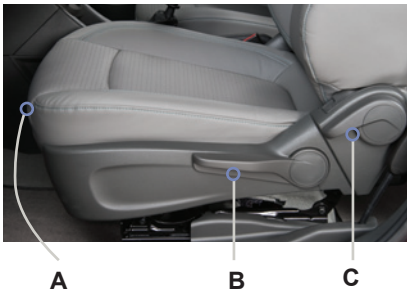
See Keys, Doors and Windows in your Owner Manual.

TILT/TELESCOPIC STEERING WHEEL

- With the vehicle parked, push down the lever on the left side of the steering column to adjust the steering wheel. The steering wheel can then be moved up or down and in or out. Pull up the lever to lock the steering wheel in place.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

Manual Driver's Seat



A. Seat Fore/Aft Adjustment
Lift the handle under the front of the seat near the center console to slide the seat forward or rearward.

B. Seat Height Adjustment
Ratchet the middle lever up or down repeatedly to raise or lower the seat.

C. Seatback Recline Adjustment
Lift the rear lever to recline or raise the seatback.

Folding Rear Seats

1. Make sure the safety belt is in the retainer hook.
2. Pull the lever on top of the seatback. When the red marking is visible, the seatback is unlatched.
3. Fold down the seatback.

See Seats and Restraints in your Owner Manual.

CARD HOLDER

A convenient card holder is located in the center of the instrument panel and on each sun visor.

See Storage in your Owner Manual.

LIGHTING

Automatic Headlamp System

Off/On

AUTO Automatic Headlamp System
Activates the Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs) in the daytime and the headlamps and other exterior lamps at night or when necessary.

Parking Lamps

Headlamps

Fog Lamps✦
Press to turn the fog lamps and parking lamps on or off.

Instrument Panel Lighting

Instrument Panel Brightness
Rotate and hold the switch to adjust the instrument panel lighting.

See Lighting in your Owner Manual.

WIPERS AND WASHERS

Windshield Wipers and Washer

Move the lever up or down to operate the windshield wipers.

2 High Speed

1 Low Speed

Intermittent
Rotate the band to adjust the delay between wipes. The wipers activate more often as the band is rotated upward.

OFF

Mist
Single wipe

Washer Fluid
Pull the lever toward you to spray washer fluid on the windshield.

Rear Wiper and Washer

(5-door model only)
Press the switch on the end of the lever to operate the rear wiper.

Low Speed

OFF

Intermittent

Washer Fluid
Push the lever away from you to spray washer fluid on the rear window.

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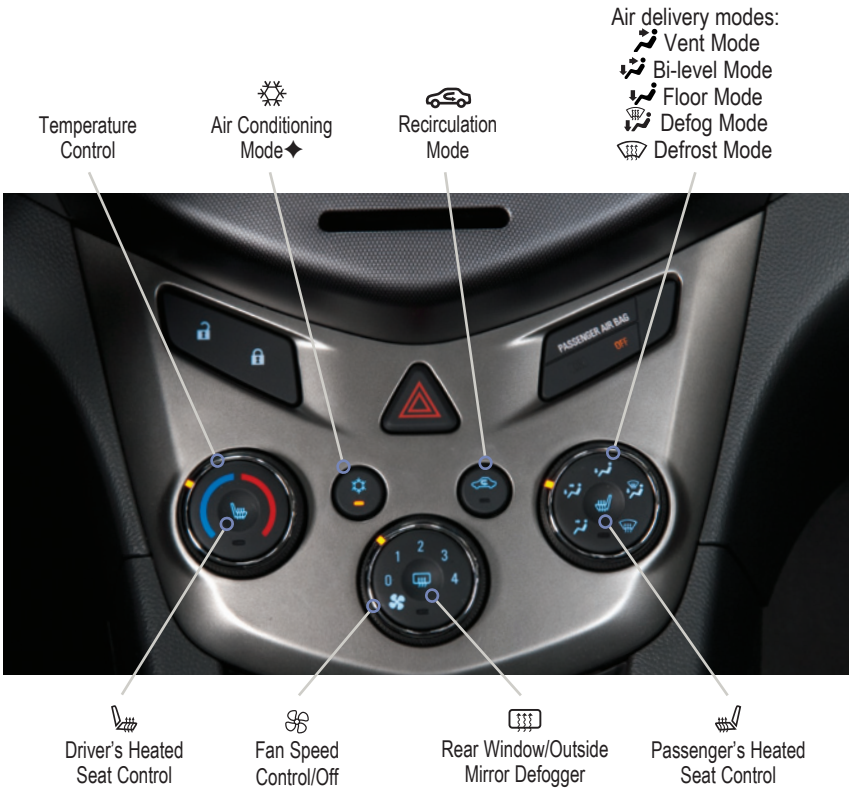


Climate control system with heated seats shown

Recirculation Mode

The Recirculation Mode can help to quickly cool the air inside the vehicle or prevent outside odors from entering the vehicle. It is not available while the Defog or Defrost Mode is selected. When the Recirculation Mode is used without air conditioning, the air humidity increases and the windows may fog.

Defog and Defrost Mode

When the Defog or Defrost Mode is selected, the air conditioning also will run when above certain ambient temperatures to help reduce air humidity.

See Climate Controls in your Owner Manual.

✦ Optional equipment

AUDIO SYSTEM

Power/ Volume
Eject disc
1–6: Favorite preset stations
CD/AUX: Play a CD or portable audio device
RADIO BAND: AM, FM, XM✦
Auxiliary input jack
MENU/TUNE: Open and select menus/ Tune radio stations
FAV: Display pages of favorite radio stations
INFO: Display available song information
SEEK ⏮ ⏭ Previous/ Next radio station or track
Open the Clock menu
TONE: Open the Tone menu
CONFIG: Open the Configuration menu
Open the Phone menu/Mute the vehicle speakers
BACK: Move back one level in the menus

Storing Favorite Stations

Radio stations from all bands (AM, FM or XM) can be stored, in any order, on up to six pages of favorites.

1. Tune in the desired radio station.
2. Press the **FAV** button to display the page where the station is to be stored.
3. Press and hold one of the six numeric pushbuttons until a beep is heard.
4. Repeat the steps for each pushbutton on each page.

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

Note: *Avoid extended searching for specific items or configuring system settings while driving.*

Setting the Time

1. Press the **Clock** button.
2. Turn the **MENU** knob to highlight the desired time or date item; press the knob to select it.
3. Turn the **MENU** knob to change the value; press the knob to confirm the set value.
4. Press the **BACK** button to exit each menu.

Portable Audio Devices

Note: *Some supported devices can be recharged when connected to the USB port✦.*

An auxiliary input jack✦ and a USB port✦ are located in the instrument panel upper storage compartment. Route the device wires through the wire exits of the storage compartment door.

- A portable audio device connected to the auxiliary input jack can be controlled only by using the portable device controls. To optimize speaker volume, fully increase the volume level of the portable device.
- An iPod™, iPhone™, MP3 Player, a USB flash drive or a USB mass storage device can be connected to the USB port. Search for music on-screen. Not all devices may be supported.

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

BLUETOOTH® SYSTEM✦

Before using a Bluetooth-enabled device in the vehicle, it must be paired with the in-vehicle Bluetooth system. Not all devices will support all functions. Streaming audio by Bluetooth is available only with the Chevrolet MyLink system✦.

Pair a Device

1. Press the **Home** button.
2. Touch **settings**.
3. Touch **connection settings**.
4. Touch **Bluetooth settings**.
5. Touch **pair device**.
6. Touch **search Bluetooth device**.
7. Start the pairing process on the device.
8. Once your device appears on the screen, confirm the six-digit code on the device.
9. When complete, a prompt will request transfer of phone data.

Visit www.gm.com/bluetooth and see Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

AUDIO STEERING WHEEL CONTROLS✦

Volume
Press **+** or **–** to adjust the volume.

SRC Source
Press to select an audio source.

Next/Previous
Rotate up or down to go to the next or previous favorite radio station, track or file.

Push to Talk
Press to interact with the OnStar® or Bluetooth system.

End Call/Mute
Press to end or reject an OnStar or a Bluetooth call.

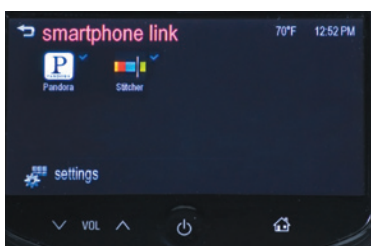
Press to mute the vehicle speakers.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

CHEVROLET MYLINK✦

MyLink uses a Bluetooth or USB connection to link a smartphone, cell phone, USB flash drive or portable audio player/iPod™ to the touch screen infotainment display. It offers a variety of entertainment options, including streaming audio from the Internet through a smartphone. For more information, including device compatibility, visit **www.chevrolet.com/mylink** or call 1-855-4-SUPPORT (1-855-478-7767).

PANDORA® Internet Radio



Listen to personalized radio stations based on favorite artists or genres (a slight delay may occur when loading a song or changing a station).

- Download the Pandora app to your smartphone. Restart the smartphone and sign in to Pandora.
- Create a station on your smartphone to listen to a customized song list in the vehicle.
- If you like or dislike a song, you can touch the **Thumbs Up** or **Thumbs Down** screen button.

Stitcher SmartRadio™

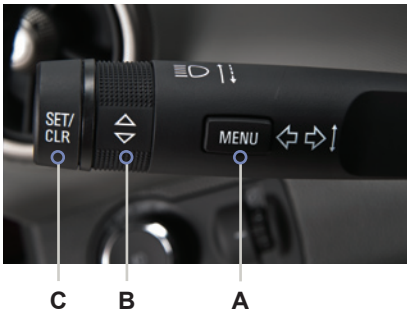
Stream favorite podcasts, radio shows and news to your vehicle.

- Download the Stitcher app to your smartphone. Restart the smartphone and sign in to Stitcher.
- Select a category to listen to.
- If you like the station, touch the **Star** screen button to add it to your Favorites list.

See Infotainment System in your Owner Manual.

DRIVER INFORMATION CENTER✦

The Driver Information Center (DIC) on the instrument cluster displays a variety of vehicle system information and warning messages.



A. MENU

Press to display the Fuel menu (may include average speed, fuel range, average fuel economy and timer) or the Vehicle Information menu (may include remaining oil life, units, language and tire learn).

B. △▽

Rotate the switch to scroll through the items of each menu.

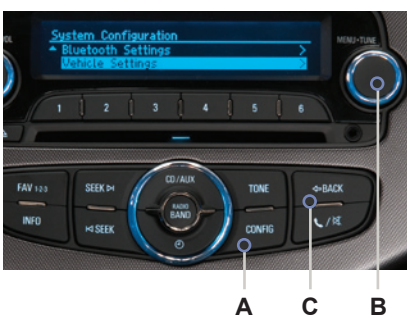
C. SET/CLR

Press the button on the end of the lever to set or clear a menu item or warning message.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

VEHICLE PERSONALIZATION

Some vehicle features can be customized using the audio controls and menus. Personalization menus may include Comfort and Convenience, Lighting, Power Door Locks, Remote Lock/Unlock and Factory Settings.



1. Press the **CONFIG** button (A) to enter the Configuration Settings menu.
2. Turn the **MENU** knob (B) to highlight Vehicle Settings; press the knob to select it.
3. Turn the **MENU** knob to highlight the desired menus and settings; press the knob to select the highlighted item.
4. Press the ⇦**BACK** button (C) to move back within a menu.

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

CRUISE CONTROL✦

Setting Cruise Control

1. Press the **On/Off** button. The **Cruise Control** symbol will illuminate in white on the instrument cluster.
2. When traveling at the desired speed, rotate the switch down to the **SET/–** position to set the speed. The symbol will illuminate in green on the instrument cluster.

Note: *Cruise control does not operate at speeds below 25 mph. The automatic transmission✦ may downshift to maintain the set speed when traveling down a steep grade.*

Adjusting Cruise Control

RES/+ Resume/Accelerate

Rotate the switch up to resume a set speed.

When the system is active, rotate the switch up to increase speed.

SET/– Set/Coast

When the system is active, rotate the switch down to decrease speed.

Cancel

Press to cancel the cruise control but retain the set speed in memory.

Pressing the brake pedal or clutch pedal (manual transmission only) also will cancel the cruise control.

The cruise control set speed is erased when cruise control or the vehicle ignition is turned off.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

HILL START ASSIST

When stopped on a steep hill, the Hill Start Assist feature prevents the vehicle from rolling before driving off, whether facing uphill or downhill. During the transition between when the driver releases the brake pedal and starts to accelerate, Hill Start Assist holds the brake pressure (for up to two seconds) to ensure the vehicle doesn't roll.

Note: *Hill Start Assist will not operate if StabiliTrak is disabled.*

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

Manual Mode

Manual Mode allows the driver to shift gears manually. This feature can be used to drive the vehicle in a sportier manner or to downshift when driving on a downhill grade to provide engine braking.

1. Move the shift lever to the Manual (M) position.
2. Press the **+** plus or **–** minus button on the side of the shift lever to upshift or downshift. The current gear will be displayed on the Driver Information Center.

If vehicle speed is too high or too low for the requested gear, the shift will not occur. When coming to a stop, the transmission will downshift automatically.

Note: *The transmission has a fuel-saving Neutral shift feature. It shifts into Neutral when the vehicle comes to a stop and the brake pedal is applied. It shifts back to Drive when the brake pedal is released.*

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

TRACTION CONTROL AND STABILITRAK® SYSTEMS

The traction control system limits wheelspin and the StabiliTrak stability control system assists with directional control of the vehicle in difficult driving conditions. Both systems turn on automatically every time the vehicle is started.

Turning the Systems Off/On

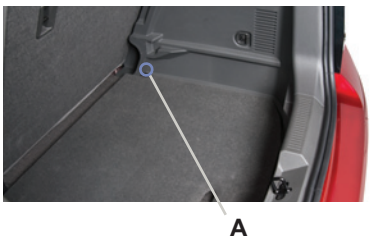
- To turn off traction control, press the **Traction Control/StabiliTrak Off** button. The Traction Control Off light will illuminate on the instrument cluster. Turn off traction control if the vehicle is stuck and rocking the vehicle is required.
- To turn off both traction control and StabiliTrak, press and hold the button. The Traction Control Off light and StabiliTrak Off light will illuminate on the instrument cluster.
- Press the button again to turn on both systems.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

STORAGE FEATURES (5-DOOR MODEL ONLY)

Cargo Floor Storage Compartment

Additional storage space is available under the rear cargo floor cover.



Remove the Cover

1. Lift up the cover and pull it out.
2. Store the cover on the bottom of the load compartment.

Install the Cover

1. Align the rear corners of the cover with the rear slots (A) on both sides of the load compartment.
2. Lower the cover onto the lip around the load compartment.

Cargo Shade

Remove the Shade

1. Unhook the cords from the liftgate and pull the shade out of the rear hinges (B).
2. Slide the shade along the channels to store it behind the rear seats.

Install the Shade

1. Insert the shade into the rear hinges (B).
2. Hook the cords to the liftgate.

See Storage in your Owner Manual.

CODE SET INDICATOR

The CODE Code Set indicator displays with a number when the status of the vehicle has changed and action may be needed to correct the condition. Following are the vehicle messages indicated by each code number:

15 Center High Mounted Brake Lamp Failure
16 Service Brake Lamps
21 Left Front Position Lamp Failure
22 Right Front Position Lamp Failure
23 Reversing Lamp Failure
24 License Plate Lamp Failure
25 Left Front Turn Indicator Failure
26 Left Rear Turn Indicator Failure
27 Right Front Turn Indicator Failure
28 Right Rear Turn Indicator Failure
82 Change Engine Oil Soon
84 Engine Power is Reduced
89 Service Vehicle Soon
128 Hood Open

See Instruments and Controls in your Owner Manual.

TIRE PRESSURE MONITOR

The (!) **Low Tire Pressure** warning light on the instrument cluster illuminates when a significant reduction in pressure occurs in one or more of the vehicle's tires. The warning light will remain on until the tire pressure is corrected. The proper tire pressures for the vehicle are listed on the Tire and Loading Information label, located below the driver's door latch.

Tire pressure is affected by cold weather and distance driven. If the low tire pressure warning light illuminates when the vehicle is first started and then turns off as the vehicle is driven in cooler temperatures, check for the proper tire pressures.

Note: *The Tire Pressure Monitor can alert you about low tire pressure, but it doesn't replace normal monthly tire maintenance. It is the driver's responsibility to maintain correct tire pressures.*

See Vehicle Care in your Owner Manual.

REFUELING THE VEHICLE

- To open the fuel door, press the center of the rear edge of the door. It will pop out slightly. Pull the door open.
- Turn the ignition key to the Off position before refueling the vehicle; otherwise, the fuel gauge may not immediately show the updated fuel level.

See Driving and Operating in your Owner Manual.

ENGINE OIL LIFE SYSTEM

The Oil Life System calculates oil life based on vehicle use and displays Code 82 – Change Engine Oil Soon on the Driver Information Center when it's necessary to change the engine oil and filter. The system should be reset to 100% only following an oil change.

Resetting the Oil Life System

1. Turn the ignition to the On position, but do not start the engine.
2. Press the **MENU** button to display the Vehicle Information menu.
3. Rotate the △▽ switch to view Remaining Oil Life.
4. Press the **SET/CLR** button until 100% is displayed.
5. Turn off the ignition.

See Vehicle Care in your Owner Manual.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TOWING

Recreational vehicle towing means towing the vehicle behind another vehicle, such as a motor home. All Sonic models can be towed from the front using a dolly. All Sonic models except the RS model with an automatic transmission also can be towed from the front with all four wheels on the ground (dinghy towing). See your Owner Manual for the proper towing procedure.

See Vehicle Care in your Owner Manual.

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

1-800-CHEV-USA **TTY Users: 1-888-889-2438**

(1-800-243-8872)

As the owner of a new Chevrolet, you are automatically enrolled in the Chevrolet Roadside Assistance program for 5 years/100,000 miles at no expense to you. This value-added service is intended to provide you with peace of mind as you drive across town or travel the open road.

Chevrolet's Roadside Assistance toll-free number is staffed by a team of trained advisors who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to contact a service provider for light services (fuel delivery, jump-starts, flat tire and lock-outs) or make arrangements to tow your vehicle to the nearest Chevrolet dealer.

ONSTAR®

If you require roadside service and have a current OnStar subscription, press the OnStar button and the vehicle will send your current GPS location to an OnStar Advisor who will speak to you, assess your problem, contact Roadside Assistance and relay your exact location so you will get the help you need.

For more information about OnStar services, press the OnStar button, refer to your Owner Manual, call 1-888-466-7827 or visit **OnStar.com**.

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